GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1702
ANSWERED ON:05.12.2005
BEEDI WORKERS
Paraste Shri Dalpat Singh

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of beedi workers in the country at present, State-wise;

(b) the details of the annual collections of Beedi Workers Welfare Fund, State-wise particularly in Madhya Pradesh;

(c) whether the welfare measures undertaken so far since the constitution of the said fund are satisfactory;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor;

(e) whether certain recommendations made by the Advisor for the development of Beedi Workers Welfare Organisation;

(f) if so, the details thereof; and

(g) the assistance provided by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI K. CHANDRASEKHAR RAO)

(a): The Statement showing the number of beedi workers in the country state-wise, is annexed at Annexure-I.

(b) : The data regarding collection of cess on manufactured beedis is not maintained State-wise. However, annual collection of cess on manufactured beedis for the last three years is given below:

Year	Collection (Rs. In crore)
2002-03	84.15
2003-04	85.83
2004-05	71.50

(c): Yes, Sir.

(d): Not applicable.

(e) & (f): Central Advisory Committee on Beedi Workers Welfare Fund emphasized on rationalization and simplification of welfare schemes in the field of Education, Health; liberalization of Housing Scheme, enhancement of rate of cess on manufactured beedis with a view to augment resources, as the expenditure would go up in the coming years due to the increase in existing benefits to be extended to the Beedi workers.

(g): The financial assistance provided during the last two years and budget estimates (B.E.) for 2005-06 under the Beedi Workers Welfare Fund is given below:-

Expenditure on Welfare Schemes (Rs. In crores)

Scheme	2003-04	2004-05	B.E. 2005-06
Health	27.55	33.59	32.82
Educational	39.11	40.52	41.86
Housing	9.55	11.50	17.64
Others	4.43	03.27	04.18
Total	80.64	88.88	96.50

ANNEXURE –I

Statement referred to in part (a) of the Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No.1702 for 5.12.2005

STATEMENT SHOWING STATE-WISE DETAILS OF THE TOTAL NUMBER OF BEEDI WORKERS AND NUMBER OF IDENTITY CARDS ISSUED TO THEM.

Sl.No.	Name of the State	Total No. of Beedi Workers Estimated	No. of Identity Cards issued till date
1.	Andhra Pradesh	7,35,000	7,15,711
2.	Assam	7,725	6,335
3.	Bihar	3,35,000	1,72,429
4	Jharkhand	1,15,000	64,433
5	Gujarat	50,075	45,874
6	Karnataka	2,87,082	2,76,706
7	Kerala	96,324	79,208
8	Madhya Pradesh	8,27,194	8,25,150
9	Chattisgarh	26,110	20,481
10	Maharashtra	2,56,000	2,17,663
11	Orissa	2,65,000	1,89,008
12	Rajasthan	31,736	31,736
13	Tripura	9,946	6,349
14	Uttar Pradesh	4,50,000	3,22,098
16	West Bengal	7,52,225	7,42,050
	TOTAL	48,69,417	43,20,310